

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/17/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-6 and 8-20.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 28 October 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
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8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____



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Allowable subject matter

Claims 2-6, 8-20 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art neither discloses nor suggests a method or apparatus for eliminating contamination of a FED comprising the following limitations, as disclosed in the independent claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 15 and 18:

- 1) a predetermined voltage is applied to a scan driving unit of the FED when the second high voltage pulse is applied to the anode electrode such as required by claim 1;
- 2) the first voltage pulse is outputted to the anode electrode of the panel for a preset pre-aging time such as required by claims 3 and 4;
- 3) the width of the second high voltage pulse is gradually increased with the passage of time such as required by claim 5;
- 4) the aging controlling unit applies a predetermined voltage to scan driving unit of the FED in applying of the second voltage pulse to the anode electrode such as required by claim 8;
- 5) the aging controlling unit converts the direct current high voltage into a high voltage pulse having uniform frequency and duty cycle for a preset pre-aging time, converts the direct current high voltage into a high voltage pulse having frequency and duty cycle varied with the passage of time for a preset main aging time and applies a predetermined voltage to the scan driving unit for the main aging time such as required by claim 9;

- 6) the aging controlling unit further includes a means for converting the first and second high voltage pulse into a high voltage pulse of low energy, herein, width of the second high voltage pulse is gradually increased with the passage of time such as required by claim 12;
- 7) applying first high voltage pulse the converted first high voltage pulse to an anode electrode of a panel for a preset pre-aging time; and converting a direct current high voltage into a second high voltage pulse having variable frequency and duty cycle and applying the converted second high voltage pulse to the anode electrode of the panel for a preset main aging time such as required by claim 15;
- 8) a means for converting the direct high voltage into a second high voltage pulse having variable frequency and duty cycle and applying the converted second high voltage pulse to the anode electrode of the panel for a preset main aging time; and a means for applying a predetermined voltage to a scan driving unit of the FED in applying of the second high voltage pulse to the anode electrode such as required by claim 18.

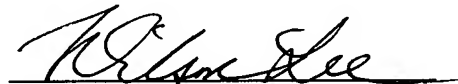
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Correspondence

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Wilson Lee whose telephone number is (571) 272-1824.

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